



Hitchcock County Board Minutes



Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
April 18, 2016

A meeting of the County Board of Commissioners of Hitchcock County, Nebraska was held at the Hitchcock County Courthouse Commissioner's Room, 229 East D Street, Trenton, Nebraska on Monday, the 18th day of April, 2016 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Scott McDonald, Vice Chair Ron Wertz, Commissioner Paul Nichols, and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Hitchcock County News, the designated method for giving notice. Board agendas are posted on the County's website www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov. Notice of the meeting was given to the Chair and all members of the Board. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Open Meetings Act was available for review and Chair indicated the location of such copy in the room where the meeting was being held.

Member McDonald moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items: 1. Approval of April 18, 2016 agenda; 2. Approval of the April 4, 2016 meeting minutes. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion: Nichols, McDonald, and Wertz. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to approve the following claims. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of said motion: Wertz, McDonald, and Nichols. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll -----	\$40,049.05
Acme Printing Co., supply -----	\$ 180.00
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 1,328.38
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp., vision ins. -----	\$ 223.88
AS Central Services, data process. -----	\$ 246.60
Marlene Bedore, mileage -----	\$ 174.96
BC&BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 1,081.02
BS&BS, health ins. -----	\$16,338.24
Clerk Dist. Court, adv. costs -----	\$ 32.00
Colonial Life & Accident, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 404.51
Community First Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$12,765.76
Community Hospital, blood tests -----	\$ 148.00
Kimberly Cook, mileage/communications -----	\$ 120.12
Creative Products Sourcing Inc.-DARE, supply -----	\$ 230.20
D&L Pest Control, service -----	\$ 51.00
Eakes Office Solutions, supply/lease -----	\$ 408.05
ES&S, voting media burn -----	\$ 11.87
Farmers Coop, supply/fuel/repair -----	\$ 631.91
Nancy Frecks, mileage/communications -----	\$ 64.50
Goodwin Siegfried LLP, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 1,170.00
William Hagemann, fuel -----	\$ 20.00
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs/transcript -----	\$ 55.75
Madison National Life, life ins. -----	\$ 86.26
Scott McDonald, mileage -----	\$ 228.42



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Messersmith Water Treatment, supply -----	\$ 20.20
Mid-American Benefits, admin./SBC fees -----	\$ 307.50
Mid-American Research Chemical, supply -----	\$ 148.94
MIPS, Inc., data process. -----	\$ 2,050.46
NE Assoc. Co. Treasurer's, registration -----	\$ 125.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 1,560.24
NE Weed Control Assoc., registration -----	\$ 120.00
Nebraska.gov, transcripts -----	\$ 3.00
New York Life, life ins. -----	\$ 75.00
Owens & Assoc., witness fees -----	\$ 148.00
Red Willow Co. Corut, transcripts -----	\$ 22.00
Region II Services, ¼ assessment -----	\$ 3,752.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 6,651.75
Schmick's Market, supply -----	\$ 1,071.54
Scoop Media LLC, publications -----	\$ 372.20
Shredding Solutions, service -----	\$ 103.32
Ashley K. Spahn, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 353.54
T&J Repair, repair/maint. -----	\$ 188.45
Top Office Products, supply -----	\$ 67.23
Trails West Texaco, same -----	\$ 17.25
US Bank, supply -----	\$ 215.97
Van Diest Supply Co., grounds supply -----	\$ 586.50
Village of Trenton, utility -----	\$ 1,120.37
Laken Vrbas, blood draws -----	\$ 250.00
Ron Wertz, mileage -----	\$ 165.78
Wireless Inet, service -----	\$ 84.45

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll -----	\$ 7,501.44
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 571.86
Ameritas Life Ins. Co., vision ins. -----	\$ 68.32
BC&BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 204.28
BC&BS health ins. -----	\$ 4,462.65
C&K Dist., supply -----	\$ 159.19
Colonial Life & Accident Ins., suppl. ins. -----	\$ 36.32
Community First Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 2,156.20
Phillip Dixon, hwy. supt. contract -----	\$ 725.00
Farmers Coop, fuel/repair -----	\$ 268.25
Hitchcock Co. Treasurer, grader payment -----	\$12,268.05
JA Automotive, repair -----	\$ 237.69
Lakeside Sand & Gravel, gravel -----	\$ 3,933.05
League Builders Supply, supply -----	\$ 41.82
Madison National Life, life ins. -----	\$ 17.89
Mentzer Oil Co., fuel -----	\$ 2,175.00
Mid American Benefits, admin. fee -----	\$ 37.50
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 227.41
NE Machinery, repair/blades -----	\$13,077.84
Quality Urgent Care, CDL Testing -----	\$ 160.00
R&W Repair, fuel -----	\$ 216.85



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Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 1,154.17
Richards Gravel Pit, gravel -----	\$ 4,284.00
Schamel's Auto Supply, supply -----	\$ 320.07
Darrel Schutz, repair -----	\$ 60.00
Village of Culbertson, utility -----	\$ 42.32
Village of Trenton same -----	\$ 121.28

Member Nichols to approve the claim of Scott's Sinclair in the amount of \$134.90 for fuel/repair in the Road Fund. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion. Wertz and Nichols. Member McDonald abstained. Motion carried.

County Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the "Continuance of Preliminary Conference" in Docket Number 2016-091-001 from Hearing Office Jim R. Titus, dated April 14th, 2016.

Weed Superintendent Hagemann met with the board and advised as to recent trainings.

Emergency Manager Patrick Gerdes and Deputy Emergency Manager Kyle Clapp joined the meeting. Mr. Gerdes advised as NEB. REV. STAT. §82-839.46 as it relates to the County Emergency Manager position and how the current situation functions having a regional emergency management agency. In his opinion Mr. Gerdes advised as to three options, those being do nothing, have a part time Emergency Manger and forego federal funding or join another county to form a region. Funding for the "Code Red" system was discussed. Extensive discussion held on cooperating with neighboring counties to form a new regional agency. Board requested Attorney Garner draft a letter to neighboring counties to inquire as to their interest in forming a regional agency.

Highway Superintendent Phillip Dixon advised as to culvert bids, Trenton SE Bridge Project BRO-7044 (27), and that the meeting with Game & Parks Rec. Road #44B has been moved to 4-21-16.

Member McDonald moved to solicit sealed bids for welded or riveted annular culvert items to replace bridge structure C004402605 over Muddy Creek in Hitchcock County until 9:45 a.m. on Monday, May 2nd, 2016. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion. McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried. Clerk to publish request for bids on April 21st and April 28th, 2016 and to place publication and specifications on the County's website under "Public Notices".

Due to large attendance for Agenda Item #8, the meeting was moved to the Community Room and a sign advising of the same was posted at the entrance of the Commissioner's room.

Assessor Marlene Bedore joined the meeting and offered market information used in setting the 2016 Hitchcock County agricultural land values and the nonbinding recommendations from the Department of Revenue to grassland and government program acres. Assessor Bedore advised as to a hearing that has been set before the Nebraska Tax Equalization and Review Commission (TERC) on April 27th in Lincoln. Assessor Bedore described procedures utilized to set values on agricultural properties in Hitchcock County and the sales that the Property Assessment Division borrowed from neighboring counties to make their nonbinding recommendation of an 11% increase on grass and the 50% increase to government acres (CRP, CREP and EQIP). Extensive discussion was held on all grass, CRP and CREP sub-classifications. Questions were asked and/or comments were offered by the following patrons: Scott Golding, Francis Friehe, Shane Rippen, Ron



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Hoyt, Art Skinner, John Walters, Richard Kollmorgen, and Bill Hoyt. Others in attendance were Betty Golding, Roland Hidy, Richard Stahly, Deborah Walters, Henry Sramek, Jr., Larry Lashley, Ted Rippen, Billy Bunnell, Kirt Ross, Bill Fritsch and Assessment staff Trish Rippen and Terra Dutcher. Due to taxpayer requests, Assessor Bedore will call and request a remote location (via telephone conference) in the Hitchcock County Courthouse Community Room, for the April 27th TERC hearing.

Myra Stoney with Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department (SWNPHD) gave her annual report and update on various programs being offered by SWNPHD.

Scott McDonald inquired as to homestead exemption and personal property publications placed by Assessor Bedore in the Wauneta Breeze. Assessor Bedore advised that she was attempting to reach Palisade residents regarding homestead exemptions and that the personal property publication was less expensive to run in the Wauneta Breeze. It was the consensus of the board that these types of publications should be placed in the officially designated newspapers.

Discussion was held regarding Tax Valuation Inc. recent appraisal report on Kugler Company and Trenton Agri-Products. Assessor Bedore will contact Tax Valuation Inc. for attendance at a future meeting for discussion on both appraisals.

Gregg O'Brien with Nebraska Machinery joined the meeting. Discussion was held on wheel loader and wheel tractor paddle scraper bids.

Member Wertz moved to solicit sealed bids for a used paddle scraper until 10:30 a.m. on Monday, May 2nd, 2016. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion. Wertz, McDonald and Nichols. Motion carried. Clerk to publish request for bids on April 21st and April 28th, 2016 and to place publication and specifications on the County's website under "Public Notices".

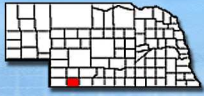
Member Nichols moved to solicit sealed bids for a new wheel loader until 10:45 a.m. on Monday, May 2nd, 2016. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion. Wertz, McDonald and Nichols. Motion carried. Clerk to publish request for bids on April 21st and April 28th, 2016 and to place publication and specifications on the County's website under "Public Notices".

Member Nichols moved to approve the Application to Occupy County Road Right of Way filed by Frenchman Valley Irrigation District for an underground water line in the Northwest Corner of Section 4, Township 3, Range 31, in Hitchcock County, Nebraska. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion. McDonald, Nichols and Wertz. Motion carried.

The Treasurer was in receipt of \$652.34 from Hayes County for Atty. Legal Assist. Interlocal agreement, credited to the General Fund; \$4.55 from Vrbas Auction Service for surplus items sold, credited to the Road Fund.

Member Nichols moved to adjourn at 1:24 p.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, May 2nd, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. Member McDonald seconded the motion and the roll was called with the following members voting in favor of said motion: Nichols, McDonald, and Wertz. Motion carried.

ATTEST:



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Margaret Pollmann, County Clerk